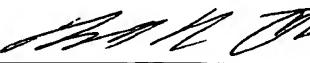
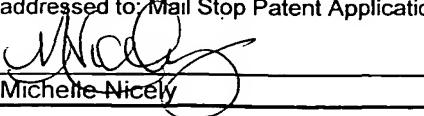
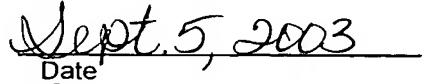


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1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within 1 st month				
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1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within 3 rd month				
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1503 630	2503 315	Plant issue fee				
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